

Middlesex Recreation Commission  
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846  
Commission Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2016

Chair Sherley Penrose opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present:

Kevin Dotey  
Cassius Kennick  
Bob May  
Sherley Penrose  
Rich Rutkowski  
Rich Tarbous

Members Absent:

Lileen Schwarz  
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director

Also present:

John Madden, Council Liaison  
Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director

Bob May made a motion to accept February 2016 minutes with a second by Cassius Kennick and approved by all members present.

**Public Session:**

No one present

**Directors Report**

- Basketball has 185 children registered. Games finish either March 12<sup>th</sup> or March 19<sup>th</sup>. Photo day was on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Baseball/Softball registration is over. There are 133 children registered. The breakdown is: Lil Sluggers: 31, Small Fry: 18, Small Girls: 16, Farm League: 14, Junior League: 22, Major League: 32. There was a meeting with the Dunellen Recreation Director on March 10<sup>th</sup> to determine what groups can play against each other and which teams will be placed in the Somerville Baseball/Softball League. The Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. course will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. MLL, AYF/AYC and MYSA have been notified and letters were mailed to the recreation coaches about the course and fingerprinting. The list of coaches will be presented at next meeting.
- Buddy Ball Basketball will run on Thursdays from February 18<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup> in the Mauger Old Gym from 6pm – 7pm. There are 17 kids registered.
- Men's Softball information was emailed to the 2015 managers. The deadline for teams to register was March 11<sup>th</sup>. So far there are two teams confirmed.
- Wrestling volunteers are planning an end of the season party.

- Yoga current session runs from March 14<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are 11 registered.
- Toddler programs spring sessions began on March 7<sup>th</sup>. There are 39 children registered.
- Coach Thomasey has been emailed regarding a possible spring Track program. Not sure if there will be a program this spring.
- Bowling new session will run from January 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>. There is 1 child registered.
- Movie in the Park movie nights will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> and in conjunction with National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- PonyShare summer camp week will be held from July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup> in Mt. View Park.
- Tennis US Sports Institute will offer a Thursday and/or Sunday tennis program starting mid-April at Mt. View Park. There will also be a four day tennis camp the weeks of July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- US Sports will be running two sessions of multi sports programs for ages 3-5 in Mt. View Park. One session will begin in April and the other in June.
- Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> with a rain/snow date of March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer Playground permit requests were sent to BOE. The program will run from June 27<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. Applications for staff will be available as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and accepted through April 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Councilmatic report**

1. Councilman Madden found a wording error on Page 17, Policy 8, Number 10 of our policy. Recreation Director will make the correction to the policy.

#### **Trust Account and Account details report**

Motion to accept made by Rich Rutkowski pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Rich Tarbous. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

#### **Commission Committee reports-** No reports

#### **Board of Education Report** - No representative

#### **Correspondence** - None

#### **Volunteer nomination** - None

#### **New Business**

1. Recreation Director asked for approval to increase fees by \$10 per week for Happy Campers, 4-5 year old day camp, since they have remained the same for many years. Motion to increase Happy Camper fees by \$10 per week was made by Rich Rutkowski with a second by Cassius Kennick. The roll was called and all were in agreement.

### **Old Business**

1. Still seeking full time help in the Recreation Director's Office. Recreation Director explained that the help doesn't have to be full time but can be part time for 15 hours a week. Councilman Madden will bring the suggestion of part time help up to the council at the next meeting.
2. Recreation Commission is still working on ways to resolve issue with closing west side of road in the back of MVP. Recreation Director is going to meet with DPW as to where to put new signs and paint crosswalk.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Penrose read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 8:05 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Cassius Kennick.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by  
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary